

ABSTRACT

An auto-routing electronic mail (e-mail) system allows intended recipients of bounced previously sent e-mail messages to retrieve their messages, and includes a computer network, a server, and a sender computer. The auto-routing electronic mail system compares a received e-mail message to previously sent e-mail messages. If a match occurs, the e-mail system determines that the previously sent e-mail message is a bounced e-mail message. The e-mail system posts at least a portion of the bounced e-mail message to the server and sends a notification e-mail message to an intended recipient of the bounced e-mail message. The intended recipient may retrieve the bounced e-mail message data from the server.